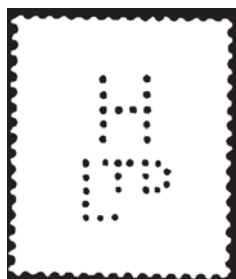


HAPGOODS PERFIN USED IN PESHAWAR

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1908 - 1915



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The cover illustrated above has an interesting combination franking of an Indian King Edward VII 1 anna stamp and a GB King Edward VII penny stamp. The stamps are cancelled Regimental Bazar?, Peshawar 27th April 1910. It would appear to be a reply paid envelope sent by the firm of Hapgoods, with the stamp attached in error. At the time of posting an India one anna stamp was affixed, it being the correct rate to the UK. The GB 1d stamp should have been ignored but was cancelled by the regimental post office for good measure. The GB stamp has the perfin H/Ltd - H4680.05.

The New Illustrated catalogue gives a provisional identity of Houghtons Ltd, camera supplies for this die, but this cover shows that to be incorrect. Hapgoods Ltd ran what we would now call an employment agency (then they called themselves employment brokers). So maybe the sender of the envelope was a soldier about to be returning to "Civvy Street" who was looking for a job in "Blighty".